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SUBJECT: QADDAFI VISIT TO SUDAN

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- 1. LIBYAN PRESIDENT QADDAFI AND OVER 70 ASSOCIATES, SECURITY MEN AND DIVERS SUERS VISITED SUDAN MARCH 2-5 TO ATTEND SUDANESE NATIONAL UNITY DAY CELEBRATIONS MARCH 3 AS GUEST PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. TWO LEADERS, SUPPORTED BY TEAMS OF ADVISORS, ALSO ENGAGED IN LONG PRIVATE TALKS AT SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION CENTER LABELED BY PRESS VARIOUSLY AS AN "INTELLECTUAL" OR "IDEOLOGICAL" DIALOGUE ABOUT ARAB UNITY AND BILATERAL RELATONS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT ISSUED AT CONCLUSION VISIT, SUDAN UNDERTOOK PREPARE WORKING PAPER CONTAINING DETAILED PROGRAM FOR BILATERAL ACTION IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. SECONDLY, TWO SIDES AGREED CONDUCT "STUDY ON INTEGRATION BETWEEN NORTHERN DAFUR PROVINCE IN SUDAN AND KUFRA DIST. IN LIBYA FOR JOINT ACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT AIMS AT REMOVING BARRIERS WITH RESPECT TO MOVEMENT,

TRADE AND CUSTOMS." FINALLY, THEY AGREED THAT INFORMATION MEDIA SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON STRENGTHENING UNITY RATHER THAN CREATING DIVISION. OTHERWISE, COMMUNIQUE COVERS STANDARD SUPPORT FOR ARAB UNITY AND LIBERATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES.

- 3. WHEN LEAVING, QADDAFI SAID TWO COUNTRIES HAD NOW CLOSED UNHAPPY PAGE IN HISTORY OF ARAB REVOLUTION, INDICATING THAT BILATERAL PROBLEMS MAY BE SOLVED. INTERESTING THAT PRESS DID NOT PUBLISH HIS REMARK TO EFFECT THAT SECY KISSINGER'S MOVEMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST OF NO INTEREST TO LIBYA.
- 4. QADDAFI KEY AIDES WERE: RCC MEMBER AND FONMIN MAJOR ABDEL MONEIM AL-HONI; FONMINISTRY USEC ABU ZEID DOWRDA; FONMINISTRY ARAB AFFAIRS DIRECTOR MOHAMMED AL-HUDEIRI; AND PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY MAJOR AHMED AL GUSABI.
- T. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH QADDAFI CLAIM THAT BILATERAL FUTURE BRIGHT MOST CERTAINLY EXAGGERATED, SINCE PROBLEMS EVIDENTLY REMAIN RE SUDANESE

DEBT TO GOL, PRESIDENCE OF SUDANESE DISSIDENTS IN LIBYA AND DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES,
VISIT SERVED REMOVE SOME OBSTACLES TO IMPROVED CONTACTS.
MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS THROUGH THE PRESS, WHICH NOW RULED OUT OF
ORDER, HAVE BEEN A SORE POINT IN THE PAST. MEANWHILE,
A REGINAL LUMINARY WAS PROVIDED TO GRACE SUDANESE UNITY DAY
AND THE GOS MAY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT LEAST IN LAYING
GROUNDWORK FOR PRYING SOME ASSISTANCE OUT OF ITS WEALTHY
NEIGHBORS.

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